## RESOLUTION NO. <u>96</u> Fair Housing Resolution (Population Less Than 5,000)

**LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS OF** the City of Wendell that discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or national origin in the sale, rental, leasing or financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Law).

It is the policy of the City of Wendell to encourage equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender or national origin. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expands coverage to include disabled persons and families with children. Therefore, this City does hereby pass the following Resolution.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that within the available resources the City will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or familial status to seek equity under Federal and State laws by filing a complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Compliance Division.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall encourage owners of real estate, developers and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and amendments, and any applicable State or local laws or Ordinances.

**SAID PROGRAM** will, at a minimum, include: (1) publicizing this policy through local media and community contacts; (2) distributing posters and flyers to community contacts to educate the public of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing; and (3) preparing a fair housing outreach plan to identify local landlords, realtors, banks and lending institutions, to review Zoning Ordinances for fair housing compliance, to identify the Building Code applicable to the jurisdiction and to inform the community who is responsible for enforcing the jurisdiction's Building Code.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL this <u>15<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>February</u>, 2007 SIGNED BY THE MAYOR this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007

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	Rex L. Strickland, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Carol A. Boudreau, City Clerk	